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Nephi Christensen was born December 9, 1880, at Hyrum, Utah; the eighth child of Neils Christian Christensen and Karen Marie Sorensen.

While an infant, part of Nephi's food was bread dipped in sweetened water and tied in a cloth which he sucked. When about one year, he crawled to a tub of blueing water on wash day and fell in. His sisters, Emma and Annie, pulled him out and worked with him to restore his breathing.

His parents were members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and he was blessed, baptized, and advanced in the priesthood as he grew of age. James Duckworth, Blackfoot State President, ordained him to the office of High Priest in the Melchizedek Priesthood December 19, 1920.

Before and after school and during the summer, Nephi cared for cows and sheep and worked on the family's 58 acre farm. He also helped neighbors, receiving 15¢ a day as pay. He was loving and helpful to his family and enjoyed being with them. He attended Sunday School and Primary regularly and, at age ten, received recognition for his excellent attendance record.

Nephi worked for James Anderson in the winter getting cedar posts, pine, and mahogany wood from the mountains. In the summer he did a man's work in the fields. This was difficult for a fifteen-year-old. He received \$8.00 per month and board; but he seldom had enough to eat because family was served first, and the hired help had what little was left over to eat. He was paid in grain-very carefully weighed-since the price had risen to 28¢ per bushel. He hauled clay from Wellsville, Utah, for James J. Hansen to make pottery in his kiln in Hyrum and rode with him to Bear Lake, Montpelier, and Ovid to sell his jars.

A year later he went to Beckwith, Wyoming, to work in the hay, and then returned home to help his father. The following summer he spent in Goshen, Idaho, helping with the irrigating on the farms of Hyrum, Wilford, and Ezra Christensen. For this kind of work he was paid \$15.00 a month.

In 1898, Olaf Frogner, the husband of Nephi's sister, Emma, died, so Nephi, 18 years age, and his brother James, 14 years old, bought Emma's 22 acre farm located between Moreland and Riverside, Idaho. Nephi planted and cared for the crops and then helped neighbors during the summer. After harvest, he worked on the railroad between Blackfoot and Mackay, Idaho. He was paid \$25 to \$30 per month for serving meals in the dining room and washing dishes. Later he was a waiter in the cook house at Pocatello when railroad shops were being built there. In April of 1900, he went to work for Whiteknob Copper Company at Mackay, where he served meals to about forty men, and was paid \$30 a month until the mine closed down. That summer he worked in Goshen until he was called to Cash Junction and to Bear River Canyon to work in camps with men who were repairing the roads. Preparing food was his work, as it was when he went to work on the Lemington "cut-off" from Salt Lake to Tooele, Utah, while the "cut-off" was in construction. The time-keeper helped the boarding crew get work as he moved to new jobs. With Nephi's experience, new jobs as waiter and cook-house helper were easy to secure, well-paid, physically less strenuous and meals were better than when working for farmers. He was a small man, weighing 140 pounds at the most, energetic and eager to keep busy learning new trades to better himself and others.

In 1903, Nephi and two brothers, James and Willard, worked on a 112-acre farm owned by Charles R. Hoalst three miles north east of Blackfoot, Idaho, uprooting the sagebrush with two and three-horse plows, and burning the piles at night to clear the land. The soil was rich, though very rough. Much leveling had to be done before

they planted the acreage to grain. They built a one-room house where Nephi lived for three years while he cared for the crops. He sold hay for \$4.00 a ton and received 50¢ extra per ton for hauling it three miles with team and wagon to the Blackfoot Sugar Factory feed yard.

On November 3, 1906, Nephi and his brother, Willard, purchased the 112 acres (the SW of NE , the SE of the NW and Lot 2 of section 30 in township 2 south of range 36 East of the Boise Meridian) from Charles R. Hoalst and his wife, Ruth P. Hoalst, "for the consideration of \$2,000.00" as is recorded in Book "2" of deeds, page 397 of the records of Bingham County, Idaho.

From the Missionary Journal kept by Nephi, we learn that on November 23, 1906, he sailed on the "Arabic", the largest passenger ship afloat at that time for Liverpool, England. From there he went to Christiania, now Oslo then to Larvik Tonsberg, and other Norwegian cities where he served as a missionary of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He worked with sincerity, love, and humility, and was accepted by the people, and very effective in this special work he was grateful to be privileged to do. In February of 1909, at the completion of this missionary service, Nephi visited his father's progenitors at Kvaeling Hoi Gaard, Denmark. Especially interesting to him was the dairy area his mother had worked at in the 1860's. At Aarhus, Denmark, he met his father's cousin who managed a store and lived in the same house as his paternal grandmother had lived.

He returned to Hyrum, Utah, on April 1909, and soon was involved helping his brother on the farm which he had an interest in at Blackfoot, Idaho. In October 1909, his brother James left for an L.D.S. Mission to Denmark, and so Nephi and Willard took over the farm work and helped with their brother's monetary needs.

Laura Lorentzen, a convert whom Nephi had met while in Norway, had journeyed to the states with other Saints, and was working for William Nielsen to care for his boy, 14 years of age. and his daughter 11 years of age. Nephi had sent Laura money for her voyage to America. Letters were exchanged when he returned to Blackfoot. Their correspondence culminated in their marriage in the Logan Temple, Logan, Utah, on January 19, 1910. When asked about their courtship, Nephi said, "There wasn't much chance to take a girl any place. Had I taken a train from Blackfoot to Logan, someone would have had to come from Hyrum with a team and buggy or wagon on dirt roads. Travel then was limited to just necessity."

Laura scrubbed and calcimined the one-room house on the farm in Blackfoot, Idaho, made pretty curtains and doilies, got house plants and pictures to brighten their temporary living quarters. What a project for a young Norwegian lady who had taken classes in art work and photography in her beautiful homeland so she could teach these skills to others, and was now trying to make one room into a work of art! She was blessed with vision, energy, and talents that transformed plainness into elegance.

Very soon Nephi began construction of a lovely four-room house with hard wood floors, walk-in closets pantry, screened back porch, big picture windows facing east and south in the front roan, and a full basement. From the pantry, there was an elevator screened with several shelves on which milk, cream, butter, and other foods could be placed and lowered by pulleys to the basement to be kept cool in summer. They had one of the few telephones in use at that time and a Buick automobile. They had buildings for chickens and livestock, and horse-drawn machinery for use in planting, cultivating, and harvesting the crops. They tried to get along with only the necessary implements, as money was very scarce, and the return for home-grown produce minimal.

Nephi served as first counselor in the Blackfoot First Ward Mutual Association, Superintendent of Sunday School, teacher in Sunday School and Genealogy, and later as First Counselor to Bishop Royal M. Jeppson. He accepted responsibility willingly, and those who knew him had confidence that each assignment would be filled with exactness and with the interest of all concerned of most regard. He was noted for his quick wit and being a good sport.

Shortly after her marriage, Laura was sustained as Supervisor of the Needlework Department on the Blackfoot Stake Mutual Board; then she served in the Primary of the Blackfoot First Ward with Serena Vance, who she came to love dearly. In 1926, she was sustained as Art and Needlework Instructor on the Blackfoot Stake Relief

Society Board Mary S. Bills was president of the Stake Board, and many other prominent women of Bingham County shared their time and talents with the Relief Society ladies of the many wards. Among these ladies were Emma Beck, Sarah Hoge, Lulu Dance, Effie Barclay, Mrs. O. Buchanan, John Bitton, G. H. Clark, J. H. Anderson, Thomas Williams, Mrs. Cheslie Woodland , and Mrs. Frank Parkinson.

While her husband served in the Bishopric, Laura gave him total support. Preparations were made during the week so clothes were clean, shoes polished, and food prepared ahead. Children were bathed in the round tub placed by the Majestic cook stove, lunch prepared and family members together went to church for all the meetings of the day. At two p.m. Sacrament Meeting began and all our family sat on the front row, and we knew we were to sit quietly and listen. After the Sacrament Service was over the children went to another room in the building where we attended "Religion Class" for singing of children's songs and further scripture training. We learned as little children to be reverent in the church building, and show proper respect at all times. We were taught that self-discipline was a cherished strength.

Nephi Christensen was Bingham County Cattle Inspector for many years. He received \$2.00 per railroad-car load of cattle to inspect and record the brands found on the animals. Much of this he did by lantern or flash light. He was always thorough in the work, and prided himself and interested parties with accurate records. He rode the four miles to and from Blackfoot Stock Yards on Maude, a trusted mare that brought him home safely regardless of weather and intense darkness.

He was known as one of the best "hay-stackers" in the area. He built his derrick with an extra long pole to allow for longer, wider, and higher stacks.

Threshing time in the fall involved a lot of men, wagons, and horses to have the grain ready to continually feed into the great machine. It was an exciting time for all the families in the community as the crew moved from one farm to another. It took days for a housewife to prepare a sufficient amount of food for the many men needed to do the work.

There were reverses which Nephi and Laura experienced. Nephi, Bill Twitchell, and Hy Green grazed cattle together during the summer on Mt. Putnam. Many of the small animals were lost when it was time to put them on fall pasture of dry feed in the feed lots. Nephi and a partner bought 1,000 head of cattle, fed them over winter and fattened them. The price dropped so they brought less than had been paid for them months earlier. Money that had been borrowed wasn't available from sale of farm crops and livestock, so it was impossible to pay bills. Nephi and Laura lost the home and farm that had been a place of contentment and pride during fourteen years of their marriage.

They were blessed with the following children:

Clara Lorentzen	Christensen	born	December 2, 1910
Olive	"	born	October 5, 1912
Ove	"	born	September 1, 1914
Thelma	"	born	August 26, 1916
Coston	"	born	August 17, 1918
Noma	"	born	July 23, 1920
Anton Robert	"	born	August 18, 1922 (twin)
Christian Raymond	"	born	August 18, 1922 (twin)
Nephi Lorentzen	"	born	July 30, 1924 (deceased)
Harold	"	born	December 28, 1925

Nephi and Laura moved to a larger place farther east on the Rich Lane. The fields were rugged and uneven. Just as when he'd bought the former farm, he spent days following and dumping a large scraper and riding a leveler to make irrigating more efficient and land smoother and more productive. He emerged from clouds of dust to feel the joys of improving the beauty and value of his land.

Nephi and Laura had a love and pride in their homes and surroundings. Together they planted apple, pear, and plum trees, and gooseberry, raspberry, strawberry, currant and other plants, and a large garden from which foods were eaten fresh canned, or dried, or put in brine for winter use. Potatoes, carrots, beets, squash, and apples were stored in a root cellar Nephi had built, and were especially good when the cold of winter set in.

For twenty years Laura was Supervisor of the entire Needlework Department of the Eastern Idaho State Fair in Blackfoot, Idaho. Here she enjoyed the association of many capable and appreciative people. Her arrangements of the various displays were very beautiful. She also won hundreds of blue, red, and white ribbons and many cash prizes for items she had made - dresses, suits, coats, skirts, gloves, purses and many embroidered, crocheted, or knit pieces to beautify a home. She has made many American flags of silk or ribbon so carefully hand-sewn that it is difficult to see the stitches to determine right from wrong side. She made artificial flowers worked with leather, made over worn fur coats into fur capes. She had a special ability in making over discarded clothing into something useful, kept the members of the family well dressed and saved a lot of money that would otherwise had to be spent for clothing. She entered jellies, pickles, and fruits in the canning division, and bread and cakes in the baking department, and enjoyed competing with other fine homemakers.

During the "flu" epidemic, Nephi wore a fabric mask when he went to inspect cattle and to buy groceries and other necessities. On his returning home, it was immediately put into the oven of the cook stove to kill any germs that might have collected on it. The little children of the home were very concerned about their father as he dared to go into an area where there was sickness, In spite of the precautions he took, some of the family members were very sick. Nephi and Laura were never too sick or tired to care for the needs of children who enjoyed the special attention, and needed the unwavering assurance loving parents can give. Nephi went often to neighbors in the night to administer to those who suffered, and his faith in the healing power of the Lord was a great blessing to those who had faith in him also.

How we as children enjoyed the happy times in our home! After chores and supper were over, father sat at his end of the table, with children on his knees and standing around and on spokes of his chair to see the pictures while he read the "Funnies" to us. The Katz'n Jammer Kids, Mutt and Jeff, and Sally and Oscar from the Idaho Farmer were among our favorites. We were encouraged to practice piano and use our ability to sing often. It was always a joy for the family to sing together. We retold the stories in the Bible and Book of Mormon as we spent time together as a family in the evenings, and gained a great love for the exemplary leaders of the scriptures, and felt a help to determine the direction we should follow in our lives. We learned of a special joy that comes through effort and accomplishment.

Charlie Hyde worked for Nephi, and a trusted mare, Bolly, was purchased from his folks. The older children drove Bolly sometimes on a buggy, and other times on a little wagon to the two room school at Wicks, where they received their early education. There was a long lane to drive over before the main road was reached, and in the winter low places in the lane filled with ice. The horse stopped-afraid to walk on the uncertain surface, and Vern Prowse watched for us, and led Bolly across the patches of ice. We were very grateful to him as little children for this help and he handed us a lump of brown sugar he purchased while working at the Sugar Factory, and that was especially appreciated. When we rode in the little Wagon, we had room for other children to ride with us, and among them were Eli Manner, George and Carrol Carlson; and when we moved to Rich Lane, Anderson and Nielsen children rode with us. We had hot bricks at our feet, and blankets to cover us, so we got along very well. We took a little hay with for the horse to eat during the day.

We attended our meetings in the Blackfoot First Ward white frame building on North Schilling every Sunday until the building burned down when an overheated round stove caused the fire to start and get out of hand. What a loss this was to all of us! We looked forward each week to being with all the fine people of this area. After that we went to church in the Stake Tabernacle or Progress Hall, and then in the Under-takers Parlor across the street from the Nuart Theatre. As soon as possible, work began on a new brick chapel which is still

serving the people of the L.D.S. faith who are in that designated area. William E. Bills was our Bishop when we as a family met in this new edifice, and we shared a joy for being able to assist in the building and financing of the Blackfoot First Ward Church.

When the family moved to Rich Lane, the house was old and not large enough, so a bedroom, closet, and kitchen were built on to the structure. Trees were cut down to allow more light to enter the rooms, wooden walks were built so less soil was carried into the house by our active family, which now numbered eleven. Often hired men were necessary to help with the farm work, and much food had to be prepared in the home, so there was work for all to do. We used a hand operated machine to wash the piles of clothes that needed washing each week, and the clothes were ironed with "flat irons" heated on the old black cook stove. Cooking and cleaning seemed to be never ending and was time consuming and difficult without the convenience of electricity. None-the-less, delicious meals were prepared for family and hired help and looked forward to. Often kettles of chicken soup with Danish dumplings or pies cakes, cream puffs, or other tasty food were taken to the sick or injured in the neighborhood.

Early in life, we, as children accepted responsibility to help with farm work assisting in the thinning of beets, cutting potatoes, helping with the planting and weeding of the crops, and then again in the harvest assisting with the picking of potatoes and topping of beets. Father built a slip that slid along on the ground so we could pitch the hay on to it, and help to get the food to the barnyard for stacking. There was always plenty that children could do to help, and we learned that happiness and security came through working together as a family. We again planted fruit trees, raspberry plants, strawberry starts, currant and gooseberry bushes to supply the need of our family and share with others. Much of the water used to start shrubs and water flower beds by the house was hand pumped by children. We always had a large garden with varied vegetables that we enjoyed fresh and canned for winter use. Fresh vegetables and fruits weren't as plentiful in the stores in the early nineteen hundreds, so we tried to be self-sufficient, and felt a great confidence in what we could do for ourselves.

In 1930, the family was moved to a very small house and smaller farm further east. Again improvements were made on the home and farm. Lawn and flower beds were planted, but due to the extremely sandy soil, this venture proved unsuccessful. Business reverses and Depression made the next few years difficult. The large Parkinson home in Blackfoot was rented for more winter comfort. Here Laura and the children lived until the smaller house across the street was up for sale. The new address was 155 North Fisher, Blackfoot, Idaho, and presented a home to fix up, yards to improve, and the blessing of electricity and running water. Laura with her vision and energy soon had a spectacular outdoor living room with a rose arbor as the gateway. Clematis and grapevines formed shade and privacy as we sat on the chairs the men of the family carved out of logs. The rock garden and lily pool were always a source of beauty and interesting as the different flowers presented their blooms. This was one of the show places in Blackfoot while the Christensen family lived there. Many windows in a south room made a bright place for Laura to do custom sewing to help provide for the family needs. In the Spring of 1935, Nephi bought a farm in Moore, Idaho, and he and the boys planted the acreage to grain, hay, and potatoes. Laura remained in Blackfoot for a short time.

Nephi was soon busy in the Moore Ward in the Sunday School, and in 1941 was sustained as Bishop of the Moore Ward. Aside from running his farm, he became manager of the Lost River Grange Supply Co-op at Moore, Idaho, April 17 1945. He was a good "Public Relations" man as well as having the skill to help repair machinery, and with his cordial, friendly willingness to please customers, the business grew rapidly under his supervision. Laura was soon appointed to be the Needlework Instructor in the Moore Ward Relief Society, and then sustained as Lost River stake Relief Society President. Laura worked diligently in this capacity with many of the choice ladies of the community and many interesting projects were introduced for the benefit of the families of the area.

In the autumn of 1947, Nephi and Laura were called to fill a Norwegian Mission. Laura was a convert to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints from Norway and spoke the language fluently, and looked forward

to another visit to her homeland to see the people she loved so dearly, and Nephi had filled a prior mission in Norway from 1906 to 1909, so he also knew the language. It was with great joy that they accepted the call and sailed from New York on the 6th of December, 1947, for Stavanger, Norway, their mission headquarters. Besides teaching the truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, they had an opportunity to teach the English language to Saints who were planning to move to the United States. At the completion of their mission in November 1949, they visited with relatives in Norway and Denmark before returning to America.

On June 22, 1952, Apostle Henry D. Hoyle, set Nephi Christensen apart as Patriarch of the Lost River Stake, an honored and cherished position few men have the privilege of filling. Two of his sons were privileged to be in the meeting when this honor was bestowed and one said to the other, "What a dad! What a dad!" The other commented: "Dad, though he is small physically, is such a giant in so many ways that are really important." When the sons shook hands with Apostle Hoyle, he said, "You were wise in picking the parents you did." Nephi Christensen served in this capacity during L.D.S. Church Presidency of David O. McKay, Joseph Fielding Smith, and into 5 months of the Presidency of Harold B. Lee until his death at the age of 92, November 16, 1972. He was truly a dedicated servant of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as well as his wife and children, grand-children, and great grand-children.

Even at 88 years of age, Nephi's shovel was on one shoulder and a heavy canvas dam on the other as he walked, in boots, through mosquito-filled fields of grain, hay, or potatoes to provide water to keep crops growing. At night, a lantern was added to the load of the frail body. He was happy to be able to farm Harold's ranch so he could reside in the boundaries of the Moore Ward. He had an amazing ability of controlling great streams of water. It was said of him: "He could make water run up hill!" He walked rapidly wherever he went, though he had a slight limp caused by having his leg broken twice. He maintained a keen interest and love for all his grand-children and great grand-children. He studied the scriptures and enjoyed books written by authorities of the Mormon Church, religious magazines, and articles. These he read in his later year by holding a magnifying glass over the print. He enjoyed the sweet companionship of his lovely wife who he spoke of as "his queen". She always possessed a queenly way about her that made her a beautiful example for family members and friends.

In November of 1972, Nephi was visiting his son, Ove who lived at Riverton, Utah, and died of a heart attack before the doctor could reach the home. Many comments of love, admiration, and respect were expressed by relatives and local friends at his "viewing" in Blackfoot, Idaho, and again in the Lost River Stake House, Moore, Idaho, prior to his funeral Tuesday morning, November 21, 1972. Speakers eulogized his years of service to the Church and community, his kindness and generosity to neighbors and business associates, his industry and thrift his intelligence and sense of humor, and his warmth and friendliness. He was extolled as a "spiritual giant", a great Stake Patriarch, a man of high principles, and an example of honesty and uprightness to young and old. Seven years after Nephi's death, a daughter attending a social function asked a couple, "Do you know my parents, Nephi and Laura Christensen?" "Are they your parents?" the gentleman asked. Let me tell you a story I heard about him. Nephi bought an animal to put on feed from my neighbor. He fed the animal all winter and into the summer.

He then loaded it into his truck, and hauled the animal from Moore to Jerome to be sold at the sale, and the prices were good that day. On his way home from the sale, Nephi stopped at my neighbors and said, 'I got a little more out of that steer than I expected so I thought I'd split it with you,' and gave him some currency. That's the kind of man Nephi was. Everybody loved him." Nephi never had much in monetary things, but he loved his fellow men and treated others as he wanted others to do unto him.

Laura always took part with Nephi in the family fun times. She made her childhood stories while in Norway very interesting at the same time she was knitting, crocheting, or mending something for one of the family. At 89 years of age, Laura was still embroidering, crocheting, and enjoying other hand work. She was preparing meals for husband and family as they visited with them. Her age didn't dampen her enthusiasm for trying new

recipes which were always a delight to family and friends. She had the misfortune to fall and crack her hip which resulted in hip surgery, and walking was so difficult, she relied mostly on a wheel chair. After a short illness, she developed pneumonia and kidney failure and died April 6, 1975. She had been admired and loved by all who knew her, and an example of strength, endurance, and perfection. She was buried in the Christensen plot in the Hyrum City Cemetery, Hyrum, Utah, April 9, 1975, after beautiful funeral services in the Moore Stake Center, Moore, Idaho.

Clara, the oldest daughter, married Emil Ford Larson from Bonida, Idaho, May 18, 1931 and that fall taught school in Grovont, Wyoming. From there they went to Oxford to teach, then to Mink Creek, Iona, Moreland, Arco, and then to Logan, Utah. They were both lovers of good music, and have taught the same in every school, community, and ward where they have lived. The Bannock County School superintendent said, "Clara has an exceptional ability of getting every individual to sing." She was music director of the Mount Logan Stake for twenty-six years and also Stake Senior Sunday School Music Director. She taught Private Vocal and piano lessons to children and youth for many years. She has taught school for thirty-six years, twenty-one of those years in the Logan City Schools, Logan, Utah. In June of 1963, Clara received her Master's Degree in Education and Music. This was a great blessing to the family as Emil developed a heart condition and diabetes and she was able to provide for them financially along with handling the work of the home. Four children were born to this couple- Noma LaRie, Milford Emil (deceased), Marco Clara, and Gilbert C.. Emil Passed away March 31, 1965. Noma LaRie acquired a Bachelors Degree in Music and Art, Marco received a Bachelor's Degree and Masters Degree in Speech Therapy, and Gilbert graduated in Electronics.

Olive attended the Southern Branch College, Pocatello, Idaho, and received her Junior College Diploma in Education June 30, 1935. Eight days later, June 11, 1935, she was married in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, to LeRoi Gardner Barclay, the son of Michael and Effie Gardner Barclay. In the years that followed seven children were born to this couple- Jean Marie, twins-LeRoi and VeLoi (deceased), Laura, Carol, Kathleen, and Bryan. While living in Riverton, Idaho, LeRoi served with Richard Yancey and Gordon Durney in the Bishopric of the ward, and Olive was primary President and later served as Relief Society President. Through this involvement in the Church, the couple have lasting fond memories of the choice people of this community. In October of 1948, they moved to Moreland, Idaho, where Olive was again made Ward Primary President, and enjoyed the association of many beautiful ladies she was privileged to work with, as well as the special children of the community. She has found much joy in keeping the home and yard orderly and beautiful, and in raising a garden for use all year around. She has worked on the Blackfoot Stake Sunday School Board, and taught Primary for 10 years. In January 1976, she and her husband were set apart to be Ordinance Workers in the Idaho Fall Temple, Idaho Falls, Idaho-which work they are still engaged in, and spend two days a week in this rewarding service. Choice among all the blessings received, is the association of some of the stalwart, dedicated people of this Temple District. Jean Marie attended Brigham Young University and worked toward a major in English Education with a minor in Business, LeRoi, Jr. served a mission to the Northern States from December 1957 to December 1959. He completed his Masters Degree from the University of Utah in Social Work in May 1972. He was killed in a freak accident June 12, 1974 as he was returning to his home in Bountiful, Utah where his wife and four children reside. Laura received a Bachelor's Degree in English Education August 19, 1965. Carol attended the Brigham Young University where she studied Clothing and Textiles, Home Development and Family Relations. Kathleen attended BYU and is now employed as a secretary. Bryan served a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Canada from May 25, 1974 to June 1976, graduated from BYU, and is now employed with Boeing Aircraft in Everett, Washington.

Ove married Beulah Myrtle Williams, April 30 1935, in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. Seven children were born to this union- Elden, Thora Ilene, Karen, Larry W., Dennis J., Ove Lee, and Lynn W. (deceased). Beulah has worked as a Sunday School Teacher, M.I.A. Counselor and President, Assistant Ward Clerk, Primary President, Relief Society Counselor, and for two years in the German Extraction program of the L.D.S. Church. Ove has served as a Home Teacher; Secretary of the Elders' Quorum; Stake Missionary; Ward

Clerk; 1st Counselor to three bishops in the Moore Ward, Moore, Idaho; 1st Counselor of Magna Ward M.I.A. Magna, Utah; 1st Counselor in the High Priests Quorum, Oquirrh Stake; Bishop of the Spencer 2nd Ward; worked 2 years in the German Extraction Program; Sunday School President; and is presently serving a mission with his wife in Charlotte, North Carolina. His work record includes the following; farmer, land leveler, cat operator machinist for Hercules, machine repair, carpenter, water department supervisor, and city councilman. While working in Pocatello he ground pistons for anti-air craft guns in the big gun shop. At the A.E.C. he worked on the aircraft carrier, atomic powered, and assisted in developing the 1st electrical power used. Later they machined fiber glass motor cases doing the research and development work in preparation for the moon landing and take-off. This same type of motor was used on the capsule. Also at Hercules, they machined large stainless steel thick cases for T.V. camera to be used for under water use, for research and hunting for lost treasures. They had to be heavy to withstand the great pressure when used so deep in the water. Elden served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper in February 1953 and is now a Police officer in Salt Lake City, Utah. He graduated from Utah Trade Tech and has a prop and weld shop where he is kept busy any spare minutes of the day. Thora Ilene was a telephone operator, an aircraft receptionist and is now a home maker and mother. Karen Christensen Johnson has been a bank secretary, dental assistant, school teacher, and is now a home maker and mother. Larry W. served a mission to Brazil August 1964 to 1966. He received a scholarship to BYU, and has become a fine artist. He has lived in Texas and engaged in cotton farming. He has also been a highway patrolman. He graduated from BYU. Dennis Joseph is the Priesthood Teacher of the Elders' Quorum in his ward and is a truck driver. Ove Lee was a missionary in Indonesia on the Island of Java April 1973 to 1975. He has been Elders' Quorum President and enjoyed working with the fine men of the ward. He has been driver for Hi-land Milk Co..

These are some of the comments Ove has made: During all these years, we moved to many different homes in Idaho to keep employed, and we moved to Utah twice. Beulah is a wonderful companion, always eager to help and always smiling. Trials and hardships were our big suit, for we had lots of them. The Lord has blessed us in many marvelous ways, and guided us with his sweet spirit through all our trials.

Thelma married Max Sayer on March 6, 1944, in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah, They have six children- Loren, Byron, Roger, Marcia, Dan, and Rex. Max has been a counselor in the Bishopric in Leslie Idaho, a Ward Clerk and a High Priest Group leader. He worked many years as a boiler operator for the A.E.C.. Thelma has filled the position of M.I.A. President, been a member of the M.I.A. Stake Board, on the Stake Relief Society Board, counselor in the Ward Relief Society and a teacher in the Primary and Relief Society. Loren is a chemical research engineer, and works at the potato processing plant in Blackfoot, Idaho. At present he is the Divisional Process Engineering Manager at the American Potato Company. He served as a Branch President of the area while living in Plover, Wisconsin. He is now a member of the High Council in the South Blackfoot Stake. Byron filled a mission for the L.D.S. Church in California. He is now living in Leslie, Idaho, with his wife, Mary Budge, and five children. He has been Sunday School President of the Leslie Ward and has a special talent of helping and doing for others. Roger also filled a mission to California. He had graduated from BYU in Spanish and was privileged to work with the Spanish-American people. He has been a foreman "quality control" on the Alaskan Pipeline since the construction began there, and is still working in Alaska, Marcia was called to fill a mission with headquarters in Denver, Colorado. She has been a legislative assistant liaison over Health and Human Welfare Services in the Executive Branch under President Reagan, and now is a Presidential Appointee to the Office of Congressional Liaison Director of Affairs of Health Care. Finance over Medicare and Medicaid. She is also President of the Fairfax County Republican Women's Committee. Dan spent 21 months in Viet Nam in the Marine Corps, receiving many medals of honor. He has spent time as a foreman on the Alaskan pipeline for replanting grass, shrubs, trees on the terrain that was disturbed by the pipeline construction. He is now working at the A.E.C. Construction Site. Rex works with the Morrison Knudsen Company in Boise, Idaho, as Computer Programmer Supervisor. He is also the President of the Elders' Quorum in the ward where he resides with his wife and baby daughter. Thelma has a special gift of

making the common things, even weeds, beautiful as she arranges centerpieces for home and church. She has landscaped her yard with evergreens, shrubs, and flowers so her yard is one of the most beautiful in the Lost River Valley. People drive miles to view the breath-taking beauty.

Coston married Betti Morgan Vance March 1, 1941. Three children were born to this couple- Shana Le, Kim C., and Lori Collette, and enjoyed the association of David Kaye, a son of Betti II's first marriage. Coston filled many and varied positions in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Sunday School, Scouting, Elders' Quorum, Bishop's Counselor, Bishop of Ucon Ward, Branch President and then Bishop in Pennsylvania, District Councilman in Argentina, Stake Clerk in Ohio. He studied Mechanical Engineering in college at the University of Idaho, Southern Branch, Pocatello, Idaho. He accepted a Civil Service appointment with the U.S. Army Engineers in Enumclaw, Washington, at the Mud Mountain Dam. Since that time, they have lived in Idaho, Washington, California, Louisiana, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Argentina and Ohio. At the last location, he worked on a fifth A.E.C. project, a Nuclear Power Plant of 870 megawatt capacity. He has been with Kaiser Engineers International since October 1955, and has helped with a hydro-electric dam in Kremasta, Greece, expansion of Armco Steel Mills in Pennsylvania and Somisa Steel Mill in Argentina. David served as missionary of the L.D.S. Church in the Western States Mission, and has since graduated from BYU, and is a music instructor. Shana graduated as a registered nurse. Kim accepted a mission call to Norway in 1967-1970. He graduated from BYU in Pre-Med, continued his education, and is now Doctor Kim Christensen. For several years he was the doctor for the NATO with headquarters in Oslo, Norway. Lori Collette has graduated from BYU, also.

Noma married Rodney Warren Tew of Shelley, Idaho, August 15, 1940 in the Salt Lake Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah. They have been blessed with ten children- Jeanette Noma, Warren Rodney, Sonja Marie, Kent Hugh, Bruce Nephi, Craig Lyle, Tamara Noreen, Rebecca Jean, Kurtis Marlo, and Marlene Vera. Shortly after marriage, they moved to Roberts, Idaho and lived there for six and one-half years. They sold their farm and moved to Goshen, Idaho where Noma served as Historian and then 1st Counselor on the Stake Primary Board. Rodney was in the Stake Sunday School Presidency and served as Bishop of Goshen Ward before they moved to Raft River, where they developed a farm. Again they sold, returned to Bingham County and bought the "Doc Sorensen Farm" west of Firth. Noma served as Stake Relief Society Work Leader, Primary teacher and Education Counselor in the Shelley Lake. Jeanette graduated with honors from Firth High School, Ricks College, and got her Bachelor of Arts from the USU in Home Economics. Warren also went to USU for a year. Then from 1962 to 1964, he filled a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Montreal, Canada-a French-speaking people. He continued his studies at USU and got a BS Degree. While working for Kaiser Engineers, he continued his studies and received a Masters Degree in, San Francisco. Sonja attended Ricks College, worked at the hospital and enjoys doing for others. Kent served as a missionary to the North Central States from 1965-67. He graduated from Ricks College and attended BYU majoring in Youth Leadership. Bruce served from 1968 to 1970 in the Central British Mission and attended Ricks College, BYU and Idaho State University majoring in Math and Finance. Craig attended Ricks College and served from 1970 to 1972 in the Pennsylvania Mission. After completing his Ricks classes, he went on to Logan to get his degree from USU in Agriculture, and is teaching in Utah. Tamara worked at Idaho Supreme nights, and still graduated with honors. She used her scholarship at USU, BYU, and received her degree, after marriage, in Child Development and Education, continuing her education at Weber State. Rebecca graduated from Ricks College and took a secretarial job. Kurtis served from 1976 to 1978 in the Oakland, California Mission, attended Ricks College, and is continuing his education at ISU in Secondary Education. Marlene excelled in drama and attended Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, Noma worked on Saturdays and after school for two years and for two years full-time after graduation from High School as an assistant to Dr. MacClure, a dentist in Blackfoot, Idaho. She learned how to make a complete denture during these years of dental service.

Anton Robert married Lois Gordon in the Idaho Falls Temple, Idaho Falls, Idaho, June 9, 1949. Eight children were born to this couple- baby girl (stillborn), Lora Le, Janice, Elaine, Deena, Barbara, Jay Robert, Kristine.

Robert worked as a welder in Washington for the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation, then directed his efforts to land leveling, and later to hauling logs. He has served as a Stake Missionary, Bishop's Counselor, Sunday School teacher, Counselor to the Branch President, and Bishop of Allendale Ward. Lora Le was a student at Ricks College, and became an outstanding musician. Janice also attended Ricks, and then served a two-year mission from 1974 to 1976 in the Minnesota Wisconsin Mission. Elaine was a student at Ricks and BYU. Deena served a mission for the L.D.S. Church in Scotland. Barbara became an outstanding musician. Jay Robert has worked with his father in the logging business. Kristine has studied to be a capable pianist, and taken other classes at Ricks College.

Christian Raymond married Donna Elaine Genzer May 26, 1953, after having served as a missionary for two years in the North Western States from 1946-1948. Seven children were born to this couple- Earl Kemp (deceased), Raymond Craig, Wayne Brent, Donna Ranae, Reed Gordon, Christian Paul, James Douglas. Raymond served as a counselor to Bishop Lawrence Halverson in the Mackay Ward, Mackay, Idaho in 1952, then as a counselor in the Hillsboro Branch in Oregon. In September of 1958, the family moved to Rexburg where Raymond continued his education for two years, then to Provo where he went to BYU to get his Masters Degree in Special Education. In June of 1966, he started working at the Wyoming State Hospital as a Speech Pathologist and Consultant and has continued in that work. Brent attended Ricks College, Rexburg, Idaho, and participated as a soloist in their school musical performances. Craig has been interested in business pursuits. Ranae is a wife and homemaker. Christian has accepted a mission call to Brazil for 18 months. Reed and James are still at home.

Harold married Alice Clariece Ricks June 15, 1948 in the Idaho Falls Temple, Idaho Falls, Idaho. Four children were born to this couple- Patricia Nanette, Harold Nephi, Debra Susan, and Wade Ricks. Harold went to work for the Lost River R.E.A. in the fall of 1943 which started him on a career of electrical work. In 1946, he went to Chicago for five months' study at an electrical school. From 1950 to 1960 he worked as an electrician at the National Reactor Testing Station, and as an electrical foreman there from 1960 to 1966. He then started his own electrical contractor's business in Idaho Falls, known as L.O.C. Electric. He was privileged to assist with the wiring that gave Arco their lighting from nuclear energy, this being the first city in the world to be lighted by nuclear energy. He has had the opportunity to serve as Ward and Stake M-Men Athletics Leader, M.I.A. Stake Age-group Assistant, Stake M.I.A. Superintendent, Idaho Falls 13th Ward Bishops Second Counselor, Bishop of the Idaho Falls 13th Ward, and Alternate High Councilman of the Stake. He was a School Trustee in May of 1970 and was re-elected in May of 1973, and enjoyed service in this capacity for School District No. 91. Patricia attended college at Ricks. Nephi also attended Ricks College, and the L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City. He served two years in the California Mission from August, 1973 to 1975. Debra attended Ricks College for further education. Wade filled a mission for two years and attended Ricks College. He works with his father in his electrical business.